

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE DISCIPLINE OF

RICHARD L. VAUGHT, MD, LICENSEE

No. 02-93-243

STATEMENT OF CHARGES
&
INFORMAL SETTLEMENT
(combined)

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners (the Board), and Richard L. Vaught, MD (the Licensee), and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into the following Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. The Licensee was issued license number 17622 to practice medicine and surgery in Iowa on December 15, 1967. The license is valid and will next expire on October 1, 1997.

2. On or about July 9, 1993, while performing a surgical procedure to remove a diseased kidney, the Licensee removed the wrong kidney from the patient.

3. The Licensee's surgical error as outlined herein constitutes the failure by the Licensee to exercise in a substantial respect that degree of care which is ordinarily exercised by the average physician in Iowa acting in the same or similar circumstances.

4. The Board is authorized to impose discipline against the Licensee pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code sections 147.55, 147.55(2) and 147.55(8) and 653 IAC 12.4, 12.4(2), 12.4(2)c and 12.4(28).

INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

5. The Board has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter herein.

6. The Licensee admits the allegations outlined in the Statement of Charges.

7. The Licensee shall:

a) Not later than June 30, 1996, pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 by delivering a check or money order payable to the Treasurer of Iowa to the Executive Director of the Board. The civil penalty shall be deposited into the state general fund; and,

b) Not later than June 30, 1996, successfully complete at least ten (10) hours of Board approved continuing medical education in the area of radiology interpretation. The Licensee shall furnish the Board with documentation attesting that he successfully completed the continuing medical education required herein.

8. This Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

9. The Board's approval of this Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board in a disciplinary action.

This Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement is voluntarily submitted by the Licensee to the Board for consideration.

Richard L. Vaught
Richard L. Vaught, MD, Licensee

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 10, 1996.

Harold E. Steiman
Notary Public, State of Iowa

This Statement of Charges and Informal Settlement is approved by
the Board on January 11, 1996.

James D. Collins, Jr., MD
James D. Collins, Jr., MD, Chairperson
Iowa Board of Medical Examiners

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